(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether responsibility has been fixed for the lapse on the concerned officers and what action has been taken for prevention of such lapses in future; and

(c) what is the total amount incurred on this operation including cost of minting the coins, the transfer drama and remelting the coins?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Revision of programme schedule by Doordarshan

936. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has introduced new programme schedules, recently, with highly film-based fare;

(b) whether programmes relating to development, culture and education have been sacrificed in this process; and

(c) whether Government would revise it's policy in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The revised fixed point chart adopted by Doordarshan from 1st January, 1993 provides additional slots for entedtainment programmes in various formats including films/based programmes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Shifting of Office of Press Information Bureau, Nagpur

937. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Information Bureau office situated in a building in Ramdaspeth, Nagpur has been asked by the local authority to immediately shift because the building is an unauthorised encroachment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the PIB has selected a good site at Ghat Road, Nagpur which is very near the Railway Station and bus stand and is also centrally located in proximity of the passport office already there; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for inordinate delay in shifting to the new premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Installation of a high frequency tower at Fazilka

938. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING ze pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had a propasal to set up a high frequency Relay Tower for Doordarshan programmes at Fazilka in District Ferozepur and Municipal Committee, Fazilka had given the required piece of land for this purpose;

(b) if so, the reasons for not installing the proposed tower, so far;

(c) whether his Ministry are aware that Pakistan have in the meanwhile set up another booster near the border in Fazilka sector for PAK-2 channel of Pakistan Television Corporation; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons that his Ministry has not arranged for installation of tower for Doordarshan at Fazilka on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTINK (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to technical considerations there has been a delay.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is being expedited.

Telecast of Doordarshan Serial "Bible ki Kahanian"

939. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecast of serial "Bible Ki Kahanian" was suspended from February 14, 1993 on the national hook-up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Srinagar Doordarshan has decided not to relay the serial;

(d) if so, the details thereof and also the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is Government's reaction to the Srinagar Doordarshan's decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Producer did not provide the cassette containing the programmes scheduled for telecast on 14th and 21st February, 1993 to Doordarshan. The telecast was not scheduled on 28.2.1993 on account of a stay order by the Hifih Court of Calcutta.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Assignment to Producers

940. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of producers have been assigned more than one serial where as several others were left out; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to provide equal assignment to all the producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Programmes are assigned by Doordarshan keeping in mind its programme requirements and the expertise and infrastducture available with the concerned producer and not on the principle of equitable assignment of such programmes to all producers.

Setting up of a Film Export Promotion Council

941. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Film Export Council for marketing films abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the prospects of its association with NFDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEV): (a) No(Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.